

Revelation 4:11

Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things and because of Your will they existed and were created.

On any given Lord's day, someone will drive home from worship saying "I didn't get anything out of that." When that happens, the question is often asked "why did I go?"

Why did I bother go to a gathering of the church? Did I go because I wanted to have my ears tickled (2 Timothy 4:3)? Did I go because I wanted some sort of emotional experience? Did I go for what I could get or did I go to give?

Revelation 4:11 ought to be our answer to the question about why we went. We ought to be able to say that we went because He is worthy. He is worthy because all power belongs to Him; because of His will all things were created. He is worthy because He sits on the throne and rules (Revelation 4:9).

He is worthy because he lives forever and ever. "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come" (Revelation 4:8). He is worthy because His Son is the sacrifice for our sins. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing" (Revelation 5:12).

On any given Lord's day there are people sitting in the assembly asking "why did I come?" The answer is simple. We come because He is worthy.

--Ron Harper--

When the Manna Stops

“And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.” Joshua 5:12

Change. It is difficult to accept but necessary for life. The problem comes when the change in our life is drastic because we do not know exactly how to take it. For the children of Israel, change had been promised and is now here. A generation had passed away leaving a new generation to take the land promised by God. They were now following their leader, Joshua, into the land that, at one time, seemed too challenging for them to take.

This new generation fully trusted in God. They had heard the stories of how God brought them out of bandage and now they could see his promises coming to light. However, they weren't quite ready to enter the land yet.

Joshua first commands all the males to be circumcised. This was the mark of God's people. Circumcision literally is the cutting off of something that is unnecessary. Under the New Covenant, Christians are not circumcised in the flesh, but rather we are circumcised of the heart. For us to enter Heaven, we must remove the unnecessary things from our life. We must leave sin and fleshly desires behind. They are to be cut off from our hearts and thrown away.

God then ceases the giving of manna. It is no longer necessary for the children of Israel to have. They now have the fruit of the land. They have a better blessing. Many times in our life we become so concerned when blessings stop that we forget to see the new blessings that come. The people of Israel were about to receive what was promised. Do we trust God enough to know that even when one blessing ends, another will come?

Joshua Houston

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ken & Barbara McPeak, Selma Boyd, Pat Davidson, Odell Grissom, Sue Reeves, Ernestine Taylor, Laura Wiser, Nell Jernigan, Narene Davidson, Mary Williams, Shirley Bibb, Gladys Davidson, Glenda Stiles, Theresa Mears (Glenda Stile's sister)

BATTLING CANCER:

Carolyn Thomas
Vance Benson
Cal Seccombe-friend of Glovers
Tonya Pearson-friend of Glovers

SHUT INS:

Tommy & Shirley Bibb, Oleta Bullard, Houston Henry, Dan Stephens, Richard Jones, Wayne Mobbs, Carolyn Thomas, Mabel Robertson, Louis Wilson, Melba & Jeanie Young

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

***MEMBERS**

NHC: Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves*, Ernestine Taylor*

STONES RIVER MANOR: Laura Wiser*, Virgie Leonard*, Margaret Davidson*, Lillian Whitworth

SMYRNA: Geri Melton*

WOODBURY: Jeweldean Hall*

TN VETERAN'S HOME: Edna Vance*

Please keep Ron, Janie and David Harper in prayers as they leave on March 22 for a mission trip to New Zealand.

- There will be a VBS meeting today at 4:30 in the big classroom for anyone who wishes to help with VBS. Our VBS is June 3 and June 6.
- An Elementary Devo is tonight at the front of the auditorium immediately following PM services. Please bring snacks and drinks.
- A Dorcas Class for Jr High and High School girls is being planned for Wednesday evenings during April-August. There will be a meeting for the girls who are interested in this class and their parents tonight immediately following pm services in the big classroom. If you have any questions, please see Francille Whitworth, Gayle Glover, or Lisa Pickard.
- An Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for March 24, at 12:30 pm here at the building. Each family is asked to bring candy-filled eggs. Volunteers are needed to provide snacks and help hide the eggs. Please note the change in time from the previously printed calendar of events. The sign-up sheet is located in the foyer with more details. If you have any questions, please see Jeff or Karen Milstead.
- A Senior Saints dinner at Bell Buckle Café is planned for March 31 at 5 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.
- Please sign up for men's devotionals on the 3rd Monday night of each month. Hosts and speakers are needed. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Morning Worship	9:00 am
Bible Classes	10:15 am
Evening Worship	5:30 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May)	10:00 am
Evening Bible Classes	6:30 pm

ELDERS

B.K. Ham
Jim Hatfield
Jon Holland
Andy Mitchell
Randall Phifer
Keith Short

MINISTER

Ron Harper

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

DEACONS

Rick Acklin	Rick Corum
Larry Benson	Andy Melton
Michael Bowman	Brian Melton
Craig Buckner	Alan Pepper
Joe Byars	Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

March 11, 2018

Sunday	AM worship	251
	Bible classes	188
	PM worship	234
	Contribution	\$7930.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	125
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Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	16
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When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. Ladies class will be canceled

To Our Honored Guests...

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity! We were honored by your presence!

GREETERS

*Please be at the door
30 minutes prior to service*



March 18

Dianne Stroop & Regenia Grissom

March 25

Andy & Lisa Mitchell